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1. SUMMARY. GOVERNMENT IS NOW ISSUING PERIODIC REPORTS OF ELECTION RESULTS, LAST OF WHICH SHOWED GOLKAR TO HAVE 63.75 PERCENT SHARE OF THE VOTE, PPP 29.8 PERCENT AND PDI 7.17 PERCENT. GOLKAR IS TOUTING MAJOR VICTORIES IN KEY PROVINCE OF EAST JAVA AND IN EAST INDONESIA, WHILE ADMITTING LOSS OF ACEH AND DROP IN THEIR SHARE OF WEST JAVA VOTE. BUSY, CROWDED PPP HEADQUARTERS HAS HAILED
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ITS STRONG PLURALITY IN JAKARTA. MOSLEM REACTION TO POST-COUNT HAS THUS FAR BEEN MUTED. END SUMMARY.

2. EARLY THIS AFTERNOON ELECTION BOARD BEGAN ISSUING PERIODIC REPORTS OF ELECTION RETURNS BY PROVINCE. WITH ABOUT 40 MILLION OF EXPECTED 70 MILLION VOTES COUNTED, NATIONAL BREAKDOWN WAS 63.75 PERCENT FOR GOLKAR, 29.8

PERCENT FOR PPP AND 7.17 PERCENT FOR PDI.

3. MOOD AT GOLKAR HEADQUARTERS WAS SUBDUED, OBVIOUSLY INFLUENCED BY LOSS OF JAKARTA TO PPP BY 44 PERCENT TO 38 PERCENT WITH ALMOST ALL VOTES COUNTED. GOLKAR LEADERS, HOWEVER, WERE EBULLIENT OVER SHOWING IN KEY PROVINCE OF EAST JAVA, WHERE THEY HAD LAUNCHED THEIR GREATEST EFFORTS. WITH VOTES FROM ALL BUT ONE REGENCY IN, GOLKAR HAD 59 PERCENT OF EAST JAVA VOTE, COMPARED TO 55 PERCENT IN 1971. GOLKAR IS CLAIMING COMPARABLE GAINS IN ALL OF PROVINCES OF EAST INDONESIA (SULAWESI, MALUKU, BALI AND NASATENGARA) WHILE ADMITTING LOSS OF ACEH AND DROP IN THEIR SHARE OF WEST JAVA VOTE FROM 76 PERCENT TO ABOUT 66 PERCENT. GOLKAR LEADER COSMAS BATUBARA, WHO HAD EARLIER PREDICTED 70 PERCENT SHARE OF NATIONAL VOTE FOR GOLKAR, TOLD EMBOFF AT PARTY HEADQUARTERS TODAY THAT HIS ORGANIZATION NOW EXPECTED TO GET ABOUT SAME SHARE OF NATIONAL VOTE AS IN 1971 (62.8 PERCENT). HE SAID 90 PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS HAD GONE TO POLLS COMPARED WITH 94 PERCENT PARTICIPATION IN 1971.

4. IN CONTRAST TO THE SUBDUED DEMEANOR OF THE GOLKAR PARTISANS, PPP HEADQUARTERS, STAFFED MOSTLY BY YOUNG MEN IN THEIR 20'S WAS UP-BEAT, WITH JAMMED-IN WORKERS STANDING ON TABLES AND CHAIRS TO ENTHUSIASTICALLY GREET LATE RETURNS. VERY FAVORABLE 10:00 A.M. FIGURES FROM JAKARTA, SHOWING A STRONG PPP VOT AT THAT POINT, INSPIRED SPONTANEOUS WAR WHOOPS, AND AN OMBOFF OBSERVING THE SCENE WAS PULLED ACROSS THE FLOOR BY HIS ARM TO JOIN IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MERRIMENT. THE ONLY NEGATIVE NOTE WAS A PPP FUNCTIONARY'S ADMISSION THAT THE EAST JAVA RETURNS, NONE OF WHICH PPP HAD PUBLICLY POSTED, MIGHT "CAUSE SOME PROBLEMS." AS A RESULT, PPP PLANS NOT TO POST ANY RETURNS FROM THAT PROVINCE UNTIL THEY ARE THOROUGHLY CHECKED.

5. PPP HAS RESPONDED IN A LOW KEY WAY TO AMIRMACHMUD'S DECISION DELAYING THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTIONS RETURNS. PPP VICE CHAIRMAN NUDDIN LUBIS, WHO IN THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS HAS MORE AND MORE BECOME HIS PARTY'S OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN, ADMITTED THAT THE DELAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY "TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES," BUT HE ADDED THAT THERE MIGHT ALSO BE "SOMETHING BEHIND THIS MATTER WHICH WE DON'T KNOW."

6. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO INDICATIONS THAT DELAY IN ANNOUNCING ELECTION RESULTS HAS BEEN USED TO FALSIFY COUNT. OTHER EMBASSIES AGREE WITH US THAT VOTE IN JAKARTA ITSELF WAS MODEL OF EFFICIENCY AND HONESTY. THE MOSLEM

REACTION TO DEALYED ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS WILL PROBABLY
DEPEND ON THE FINAL PPP COUNT IN THE PROVINCES. AT THE MOMENT,
HOWEVER, THEY SEEM MOLLIFIED BY THEIR SHOWING IN CAPITAL
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